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TREATING RETINAL  
DISORDERS AND GLAUCOMA  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 14, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Since this communication is filed within the three month period for response, no extension of time is required.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.